

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 32, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--FIG. 1 shows an alignment of the amino acid sequences of human DEC2a (hDEC2a) (SEQ ID NO:2) and DEC1 (SEQ ID NO:17).--

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 32, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--FIG. 2 shows an alignment of the amino acid sequences of human DEC2a (hDEC2a) (SEQ ID NO:2) and human DEC2b (hDEC2b) (SEQ ID NO:12).--

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 32, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--FIG. 3 shows an alignment of the amino acid sequences of human DEC2a (hDEC2a) (SEQ ID NO:2) and mouse DEC2a (mDEC2a) (SEQ ID NO:14).--

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--FIG. 4 shows an alignment of the amino acid sequences of human DEC2a (hDEC2a) (SEQ ID NO:2), mouse DEC2a (mDEC2a) (SEQ ID NO:14), and SHARP-1 (SEQ ID NO:18).--